One who recites it excessively will be protected against all calamities. If recited for any legitimate purpose, it will materialize, Insha Allah

# 90. Al-Mani'
# (The Preventer)

"What Allah prevents you from receiving is as much a gift as what He gives. The medicine that tastes bitter may be more beneficial than sweet honey."

- Sahl al-Tustari (818-896 CE) Source: "Tafsir al-Tustari" (Tustari's Commentary on the Quran)

Reciting this Beautiful Name of Allah 20 times lying down on the bed will remove any differences one has with ones spouse. All disputes will also be settled. Instead, a strong bond of love and affection will result - Al Hisnul Hasin

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# Asmaa ul Husna

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# The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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# AL-MAANI'ﷻ (THE PROHIBITOR AND PREVENTER ﷻ)

Al-Maani' ﷻ is that Being who creates special means of safety in one's physical and religious life and prevents the means of destruction and loss from afflicting man. The word Maani' can also be derived from the word *mana*' (prevention) and *hirmaan* (deprivation) for the person who is not deserving of any favour, as is mentioned in the duaa of Nabi ﷺ, "O Allaah, there is no one to hold back that which You grant, and no one to grant that which You hold back." (Tirmidhi) Allaah ﷻ controls giving and holding back. His ﷻ keeping back is not due to stinginess, but is based on wisdom and expedience. His grants are due to His generosity and mercy.

Al-Maani' ﷻ has prevented the heavens from falling onto the earth. He ﷻ has prevented the sun from coming close to the earth. He ﷻ has prevented the sun from colliding into the moon. He ﷻ has stopped the sun and moon from crashing into the other planets. Similarly, He ﷻ has placed barriers in the atmosphere so that one star does not smash into the other.

Al-Maani'' ﷻ has prevented and placed a block on man becoming woman, wheat becoming barley, good becoming evil, a living creature becoming an inanimate body and an inanimate body becoming a living being. Similarly, He ﷻ has placed different barriers amongst His creation. The water of two oceans meet. Then too, the water currents of each one stays separate, since there is a barrier between the two, which will not allow one to overcome the other.

In like manner, if a person ponders over manifestations of Allaah ﷻ's power, then he will come to know that Al-Maaniﷻ's countless barriers exist which cannot be seen.

The obedience of Allaah ﷻ should be given preference in every condition. No fear or hope of anything should prevent us from submitting before Him. If He ﷻ wishes, He ﷻ can make difficult and narrow paths easy, and can cause difficulty on easy paths. If He ﷻ wishes, He can turn an enemy into a friend and a friend into an enemy. When He ﷻ wills, He can make the distant close and the close distant. When He ﷻ wills, He can prevent some-one from utilizing bounties present before one, and if He ﷻ wills, He can place a bounty in the lap of a person without it being his possession. In short, actual success is obedience to Him and seeking His pleasure, even though outward forms are contrary to this. He ﷻ can take out ease from difficult conditions and assist His sincere servants. All the means of protection are in His control. It is nothing difficult for him to give life from the jaws of death and vice versa.

The following is mentioned in a hadeeth,

مَا أَصَابَكَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِّيُخْطِئَكَ وَمَا أَخْطَأَكَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِّيُصِيْبَكَ

*Whatever has afflicted you could not have ever missed you; and whatever missed you could not have ever afflicted you. (Abu Dawood)*

This concise but comprehensive statement of Nabi ﷺ is a cure and consolation for many of our problems and worries. It is a means of ending many mutual fights and conflicts. In fact, it can even end the causes of minor arguments and disagreements. Many people (men and women) burn in this sorrow that their problems and worries are as a result of some-one else's error. Every person should place conviction on this quality of Allaah ﷻ, realizing that it is only Him who causes or prevents; it is only Him who sends down difficult conditions and it is only He who can remove it.

In like manner, some people's nature is such that they remain perpetually in fear regarding the future. They think too much and place themselves in stress and depression. What will happen?... Place full trust on the Being of Allaah ﷻ.

INCIDENT: Once, Rasulullaah ﷺ was returning from a journey. At one place, all stopped to rest. Rasulullaah ﷺ slept alone under a tree. There was no guard or helper close by. A non-believer saw Rasulullaah ﷺ alone. He unsheated his sword and stood at the head of Nabi ﷺ. When his ﷺ eyes opened, he saw that the sword was in the hand of the disbeliever, who said, “Who will protect you from me?” This person thought that Nabi ﷺ will be petrified, seeing a person standing at his headside with a sword, whilst he ﷺ is without any weapon. However, not the slightest bit of worry could be seen on his ﷺ face. Nabi ﷺ calmly answered, “Allaah.”

When this person, seeing that there was no trace of worry or anxiety on Nabi ﷺ, heard this answer, Allaah ﷻ placed such awe in his heart that his hands began shaking, causing the sword to fall from his hand. Nabi ﷺ lifted the sword and said, “Now who will save you from me?” (Bukhaari)

By means of this incident, this man was taught the lesson that, while he had placed his trust in the sword, NabI ﷺ had placed his trust in the Creator of the sword and the Being who created effect in it. This is the teaching Nabi ﷺ imparted to the Sahaabah ؓ. The result of this was that the condition of every Sahaabi was such that they would adopt means, but would place their reliance and trust solely on Allaah ﷻ. They would not allow the greatness of the creation to enter their hearts. This is an open reality and a tried-and-tested prescription; as soon as the greatness of any of the creation is taken out of the heart, no matter how great they may be, they will become subservient to one.